

If Sinclair Broadcasting chose to have its cable only channels broadcast "Stolen Honor", it could be understood. But Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

If it decided that broadcasting pornography was appropriate, could Sinclair force its local affiliates to carry such a program? I hope not!

Clearly Sinclair should not be able to force its local affiliates to broadcast material that these affiliates feel is inappropriate in their communities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.